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TOWN AND COUNTRY

About Local People and Events and Other Matters of Interest

Fresh country butter; Patrick's. Variety of Xmas toys; Patrick's. See McCabe's high class musical comedy next Monday night.

Assortment of flash lights and batteries very cheap at Patrick's.

Go to Laura Love's variety store for Christmas china and cut glass.

Fancy work materials of all kinds at Laura Love's variety store.

A soft coal Peninsular heater, as good as new, for sale by E. B. Allen.

Movies at the opera house Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels, \$1.00 each. Mrs. Harry Landree, phone 91.

For sale: Fine two-year-old Jersey heifer fresh in the spring. E. E. Gould.

See "The Builder of Bridges," at the moving picture theatre this Friday night.

Leave your feed order for bran, shorts, chop corn, ear corn, chicken feed and meat meal with J. B. Patrick.

A large assortment of toys, stationery, candies, and a good general line of holiday goods at Downey's.

A son, Harold Brown, was born to Prof. and Mrs. Elvert Monnett at Ithaca, N. Y. on Monday of last week.

French ivory dressing and manicuring sets, ivory clocks and odd ivory pieces at right prices at Downey's drug store.

Rev. T. J. Reznor of Amazonia, Mo., will preach at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening. Everyone welcome. Come.

Mrs. Edith Benson was hostess to the P. E. O.'s at the regular meeting held on Wednesday of last week. The session was devoted to business matters following which refreshments were served.

M McCabe's Georgia Troubadours drew a good audience to the opera house Monday night. This is one of the best colored troupes on the road and gives a clean show, with lots of good music and dancing.

Regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors Friday night, December 17, at 7:30. All members are urged to be in attendance as arrangements are to be made for the installation of the new officers.

James Brown who broke into the residence of Geo. W. Anderson a few weeks ago and stole some clothing, plead guilty in the circuit court at Linneus this week and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Uncle Stribling Goslin, one of the pioneers of this county, died at his home three miles north of Laclede Wednesday morning at the age of 84 years. The funeral was held yesterday and the remains buried at Linneus.

Mrs. W. E. Shell entertained her Sunday school class of girls of the Methodist church last Tuesday with a "vienna" bake and toasted marshmallows. Games and music were enjoyed and all spent a delightful evening, the hostess being assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Russell Thompson.

Eastern Star Officers

At the regular meeting of the Order of Eastern Star last Monday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Ella Mahurin, worthy matron; Mrs. Margaret Weaver, associate matron; Mrs. Hettie Weaver, conductress; Mrs. Edith Benson, associate conductress, John Hetrick, treasurer; Mrs. Mary E. Bigger, secretary. The appointive officers are, Mrs. Cornelia Welsh, Adah; Mrs. Carrie Pratt, Ruth; Miss Laura Love, Esther; Miss Ella Ong, Martha; Mrs. Pheobe Fifield, Electa; Mrs. W. E. Shell, chaplain; Mrs. Kathryn Harter, organist; Mrs. Florence Dye, warder; X. Y. Z. White, sentinel; Mrs. Ira Duckworth, marshal.

Methodist Church Notes

H. J. Ducker, Pastor.

A Christmas service at 11:00 a. m. Sermon and music in keeping with the wonderful event we celebrate. Christmas hymns are rich in poetry and music.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Wm. Kraft, superintendent. Mr. Kraft begins promptly, which is certainly right. Miss Ellen Gar-side, the pianist, might with propriety be called, "Miss Faithful." Let us all try hard to be prompt.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Topic: "The Christmas Song of World Peace."

Evening preaching service at 7:30. Christmas music again. Another Christmas sermon. Come, let us, like the wise men of the East, worship the Lord.

The cantata to be rendered on Christmas eve, December 24, is a genuine Christmas cantata. It portrays some scenes in Palestine in the time of our Savior's advent. Some outstanding points are where Joseph seeks shelter for himself and Mary, and is informed that the inns in Bethlehem are all crowded, so that there was no room for him and Mary on that eventful night when Jesus was born, and another when the wise men of the East come to King Herod inquiring after the new-born King of the Jews. Elderly men represent the wise men. A large number of persons, young and older take part in the cantata.

Republicans to Chicago

The next president of the United States will be nominated at Chicago, June 7, 1916, the republican national committee having so decided at a meeting of the committee held in Washington Tuesday. St. Louis made a strong bid for the convention but Chicago won on first ballot. The democratic national convention will be held in St. Louis June 14.

'Possum Supper

A surprise 'possum supper was held at the home of Robert Harris six miles southwest of Laclede on Hickory Branch on Wednesday evening of last week, in honor of Mr. Harris' 64th birthday. Well cooked 'possum accompanied by all the other good things that go to make up a fine supper was elegantly served. The evening was spent in pleasant conversation and games. Those present were Joe Dye, Adam Edgar, Erven Jones, Chris Hoover, Sell Botts, Andy Botts, Rousay Coats, Tom Dannett and John Starkweather. Departing at a seasonable hour all wished Mr. Harris many more prosperous and happy birthdays to be celebrated at Hickory Branch.

Salt \$1.50 barrel at Patrick's.

Oysters 40c quart at Patrick's.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

Beginning next Monday the following business houses will be open evenings throughout the week: J. W. Lomax & Co., Kraft & Brenner, Carothers & Allen and J. B. Patrick. On Christmas day these houses will close at 11 a. m. and remain closed until 3 p. m.

The present term at Oak Arbor is reported the best in the history of that school. The attendance last month was a record breaker and all pupils made splendid advancement. The social feature is being cultivated and the school spirit developed. On Thursday night of next week, December 23, a program and Christmas tree will be given by the pupils under direction of the teacher, Miss Myrtle Harter. All cordially invited.

The American Reading Circle held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. C. Bigger last Tuesday evening with good attendance. Response at roll call with current events. After the business of the evening was over Mrs. Abbie Gould gave a very interesting and instructive lesson from chapters 24 and 25 of the Chautauqua study. Mrs. Patrick gave current events from the Independent magazine. During the social hour the hostess served a delicious three course luncheon. Mrs. Chas. Mahurin was the guest of the evening. The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. E. Benson, December 28.

The P. E. O.'s realized a neat sum from their bazar and turkey supper held at the Rest Room last Saturday afternoon and evening. Many articles of a Christmas gift nature were disposed of and it was an enjoyable social affair as well as a means of raising funds for most worthy causes. Six fine turkeys, totaling something like 90 pounds, baked to a queen's taste by six members of the society, were disposed of along with the usual amount of dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, coffee and pie. The P. E. O.'s are always good entertainers and their well known reputation lost nothing from last Saturday's effort.

E. B. Allen and his father, Rev. C. Allen, are now pleasantly located in their new home at 116 West Park street, Brookfield. Barring a few months when they moved to Brookfield once before, the Allens have resided in Laclede for forty years, the former having been successfully identified at various times with nearly every business represented in the town, from "hoss" trading to selling automobiles, from merchandising to banking; served as member of the city council, member of school board, mayor of Laclede, sheriff of the county, and collector of internal revenue for the eastern districts of Missouri, and made good everywhere. But Ed. hasn't gone far away and the chances are many days next summer his Buick car will be seen in its accustomed place in front of the fine business property he still owns here.

Have a few good healthy hogs that will dress about 175 each that I will sell at 10 cents per pound dressed. J. M. Simpson, phone 950.

Death of Miss Hunter

Miss Delilah Hunter, aged 18 years, 11 months and 12 days, a bright and lovable young girl who made many friends here during the several months she spent at the home of her cousin, Mrs. J. M. McDonnell southwest of Laclede, died at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Henley, in Brookfield last Thursday morning, December 9. She was the daughter of J. E. Hunter and was born at Browning, her school days having been spent at Brookfield where she was a favorite among her associates. The funeral services were held at the Christian church in Brookfield Friday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Stidham. She was a member of Golden Rod camp Royal Neighbors of America of Laclede, and the burial services of the order were given following the sermon. The following member of the camp acted as pall bearers: Mrs. Anna Farrar, Mrs. Gertrude Harris, Misses Via Glenn, Bettie Anderson, Orville Anderson and Helen Hoyt. Many hearts were made sad by the death of this young girl, who seemingly had a happy life before her until she was stricken by consumption which gradually sapped her life away.

Local and Personal

Xmas post cards at Patrick's. Homemade mince meat; Patrick. Mrs. James Davis visited near Mendon this week.

Aluminum percolators special for Xmas only \$1.50 at Patrick's.

Mark Lomax came from Chicago Wednesday for a visit with home folk.

Chases and Holly brand candies in Christmas boxes at Downey's drug store.

Laura Love's variety store has a full line of handkerchiefs for the Christmas trade.

Miss Folsom Barbee of Adrain is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Carothers and family.

Miss Mary Mustapha left Sunday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends at Brooklyn, Iowa.

Noah Cooper is here from Novinger for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy.

Henry Mustapha of Davenport, Iowa, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Fred Hanson and family on route two.

C. E. Hilton arrived from California Tuesday night on business and a visit among relatives and friends, and it certainly looks natural to see Ed. on the streets of Laclede again.

J. M. Perkins of route one, Laclede, received word Thursday morning of the death of his mother which occurred at her home in Linneus that morning. She was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizen in the county.

Mrs. F. G. Adams, who was called to Clarence a couple of weeks ago by the serious illness of her daughter, Miss Pearl, who is teaching near there, returned home last Monday bringing the daughter with her where she will remain during recuperation.

Seed Oats

I have a car of nice, bright, clean, Texas Red seed oats. A part of them for sale. See sample at either bank. Leave your order for the amount you want with Chas. B. Welsh before they are gone. JOHN L. WELSH.

KILLED BY A HORSE

Father of Laclede Citizen Trampled to Death at Chillicothe

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stapleton returned from Chillicothe last Monday where on Sunday they attended the funeral of Mr. Stapleton's father, John W. Stapleton. The older Mr. Stapleton was 75 years of age and had been in failing health for some time. His continued ill health had effected his mind and he became worse as he grew older. Thursday of last week his family induced him to go bed in an effort to relieve his mind. He climbed though the bed room window and wandered to his barn about 7 o'clock in the evening. His family missed him shortly afterwards and a search located him in a stall at the barn under a horse. The horse had badly injured him and he died that night at nine o'clock. He was an old and highly respected citizen of that county, having resided many years on a farm near Chula. He leaves a widow, nine children, twenty-two grand children and two great grand-children.

Christmas Dinner

The best of Christmas dinners may be secured without two great expense this year for simplicity and science agree that it is useless to stuff the diner with three or four dishes of the same food value, according to Miss Bab Bell of Missouri college of agriculture. If the dinner is to be served in the country, home-grown fruits, vegetables, and fowls and fresh eggs, butter, and milk give the housewife a great advantage, and such simple things as buckberries from the roadside, or a geranium from the windowsill add to the attractiveness of the table. A few evergreen wreaths and some autumn leaves will help greatly.

In order that nothing may be forgotten, and a big rush on Christmas morning may be avoided, preparation should begin several days before Christmas. The chicken, turkey or goose may be dressed and kept in a cool place, crumbe for the dressing prepared and seasoned, lettuce washed for the salad, and mayonnaise made ready. Mince pies may be baked and kept ready for reheating, cranberry jelly be kept on hand for several days and cakes baked and mints prepared. With all these things ready, the hostess will have much more of the Christmas spirit, and be able to entertain her guests much better.

The feast is tasted with the eye before it reaches the palate and a very simple meal may be made delicious when served on spotless linen and a well decorated table. Flowers, ferns, large dish of fruit, or something else of that kind will be available in every house. The food itself helps to decorate the table. The brown fowl is always in pleasing harmony with the green of parsley, or cress, and the red of cranberry sauce. A great difference in the taste of the baked potato is made by two slashes made to hold butter and a little parsley. A large share of the joy of Christmas dinner is found in the trimmings.

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